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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: FIFTH DIMENSION

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1. PERFORMANCES CONFIRMED: APRIL 6, 8 ANKARA; APRIL 9,
10 ISTANBUL. SECOND ANKARA PERFORMANCE 2:30 MATINEE.

2. ASSUMPTION(REFTEL A) CORRECT; NO EQUIPMENT MOVES BETWEEN
THEATERS IN EITHER CITY.

3. WOULD WELCOME GORDON VISIT AT THIS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

4. REQUIREMENTS OF THE 5- D QUITE CLEAR AND WE ARE
DOING OUR VERY BEST TO COMPLY. PLEASE EXPLAIN TO THEM, HOWEVER,
THAT THE FACILITIES IN THIS COUNTRY ARE LIMITED. THERE ARE NO
LARGE GOVERNMENT- OWNED AUDITORIA. THE ONLY SUITABLE LOCATIONS
FOR PERFORMANCES OF THIS TYPE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR ARE COMMERCIAL
MOVIE HOUSES. PREVIOUS AMERICAN GROUPS HAVE USED THESE; SO HAVE
THE BOLSHOI AND EVERY OTHER MAJOR PERFORMING GROUP VISITING
TURKEY. SPORTS PALACES WERE CONSIDERED AS SITES BUT REJECTED
BECAUSE OF THE HOPELESS ACOUSTICS.

5. THEATERS IN BOTH CITIES HAVE BEEN ENGAGED FOR THE
PERIODS OF THE CONCERTS ONLY. ADDITIONALLY, THEY WILL BE
AVAILABLE EVERY MORNING UNTIL NOON FOR REHEARSALS AND SET- UPS.
THE PROFIT MARGIN HERE, WHICH IS LIMITED BY RESTRICTIONS ON THE
PRICE OF TICKETS AND OUR WISH TO APPEAL TO A YOUTHFUL AUDIENCE ,
EFFECTIVELY PROHIBITS US FROM RESERVING THEATERS FOR LONGER
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PERIODS OF TIME.

6. FLOOR PLANS OF BOTH THEATERS HAVE BEEN AIRPOUCHED TO WASHINGTON. ISTANBUL THEATER HAS RELATIVELY LARGE STAGE; EQUIPMENT CAN BE SET- UP AND LEFT IN PLACE. WHILE ANKARA STAGE LESS GRAND, POSSIBLY THE STAGE MANAGER WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS AFTER EXAMINING PLANS.

7. POP MUSIC COMPETITION(REFTEL B) HAS BEEN POSTPONED PARTLY SO THAT ALL ATTENTION WILL BE FOCUSED ON T- D. THE GROUP WILL HAVE NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES BOTH ANKARA AND ISTANBUL TO MEET LYCEE AND COLLEGE POP GROUPS REHEARSING FOR COMPETITIONS. HOUR- BY- HOUR 5- D SCHEDULE BOTH CITIES WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO MAJOR SCHOOLS, A CHARITY LUNCHEON IN ISTANBUL, AND MUCH ELSE THAT WAS RECOMMENDED IN STATE AIRGRAM 10806.

8. WE ANTICIPATE AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION FOR 5- D IN TURKEY. TO DATE: EXCELLENT PRESS COVERAGE; 5- D SONGS BEING FEATURED ON RADIO. ONLY PROBLEM WE SEE IS THAT LOCAL FACILITIES DO NOT MEET YOUR PRECISE SPECIFICATIONS. WE WILL CERTAINLY EXPLORE ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT MAKE AND WOULD HOPE THAT 5- D MIGHT MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ADAPT TO THE VERY BEST ARRANGEMENTS WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE.
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